

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Thomas Weisel	Examiner: Jessica R. Baxter
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**AMENDMENT A**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks in response to the Office Action dated February 8, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page **2** of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page **10** of this paper.